

A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. James C. McKnight for his
meritorious service.

WHEREAS, our country was conceived by individuals willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure this nation's freedom and the Volunteer State is especially proud to have so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, of the thousands of Americans who continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in World War II, James C. McKnight is one person who is deserving of special commendation; and

WHEREAS, the achievements of Pfc. McKnight serve as perfect examples of courage and gallantry; he should be recognized for his service; and

WHEREAS, having served from 1942 to 1945, Mr. McKnight fought in five of the war's most epic struggles, at the battles of Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight was commended by his commanding officer in recognition of "conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty", and was highly decorated, receiving the Good Conduct Medal and the European African Middle East Service Medal with five Bronze Stars; and

WHEREAS, upon his return from the war, Jimmie McKnight worked for 35 years as a carpenter and a farmer, and is still actively involved in farming; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeder's and Exhibitor's Association and the Tennessee Walking Horse Owner's Association. Having raised

Tennessee Walking Horses for most of his life, Jimmie has produced several winners in walking horse competition; and

WHEREAS, his many honors and accolades aside, Jimmie McKnight is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife of 52 glorious years, Alta; their children: Carol Vaughter, Neika Bedsaul, Nyla Satterfield, Rita Lester, Nancy Miller, Darlene Miller, and Ken McKnight; and their twelve grandchildren: Rob Vaughter, Charlotte Vaughter, Laura Vaughter, Marty Bedsaul, Marla Bedsaul, Karen Satterfield, Steven Lester, Jeff Miller, Anna Miller, David Miller, John Miller and Nathan Miller; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight evinces his faith as an active member of the Kingwood Heights Church of Christ in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, the name Jimmie McKnight is synonymous with hard work, dedication, bravery and devotion; his service to family and country can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. James C. McKnight on his meritorious service to our state and country and extend to him our best wishes for continued happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. McKnight, with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.